Compare District and School Level Enrollment Data Using GEMS



What Sort of Questions Can I Answer?

- 1. How do the enrollment numbers in my district compare to those in nearby districts?
- 2. How many incoming 9th graders can my district expect, from nearby elementary districts, in the next two years?
- 3. What percentage of 3rd grade students in my district scored proficient or above in Math?
- 4. What is the relationship between my 2007 class of 7th graders Math and Reading scores and their graduation rates in 2012? How does that compare to other similarly sized schools?



First Some Basic Tools

- How to access dashboards on GEMS
- Selecting Schools and Districts for comparison
- Selecting a specific chart and changing format
- "Drilling Down" to view specific subsets
- Using the "Show Only" tool
- "Drilling Up"
- The Remove tool

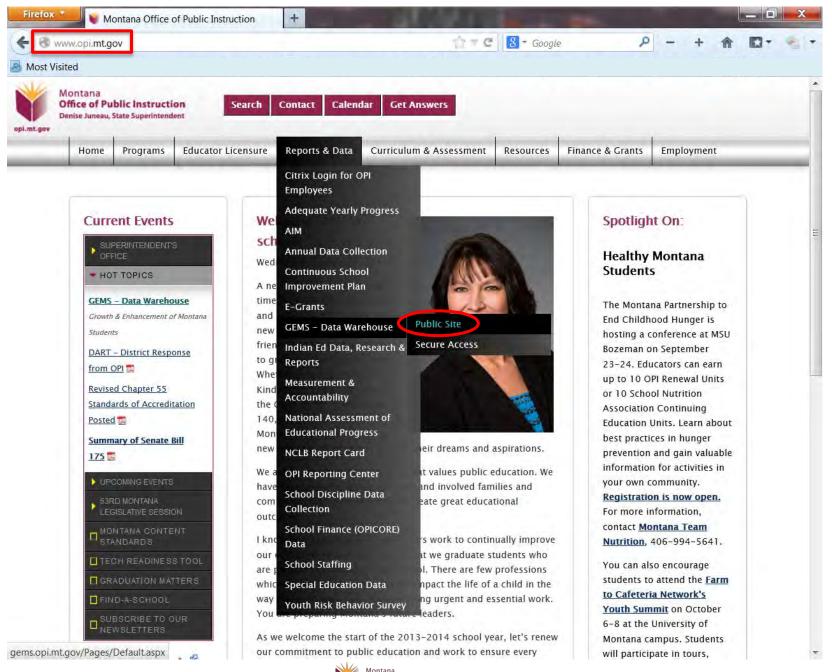


Basic Tips for Mac Users

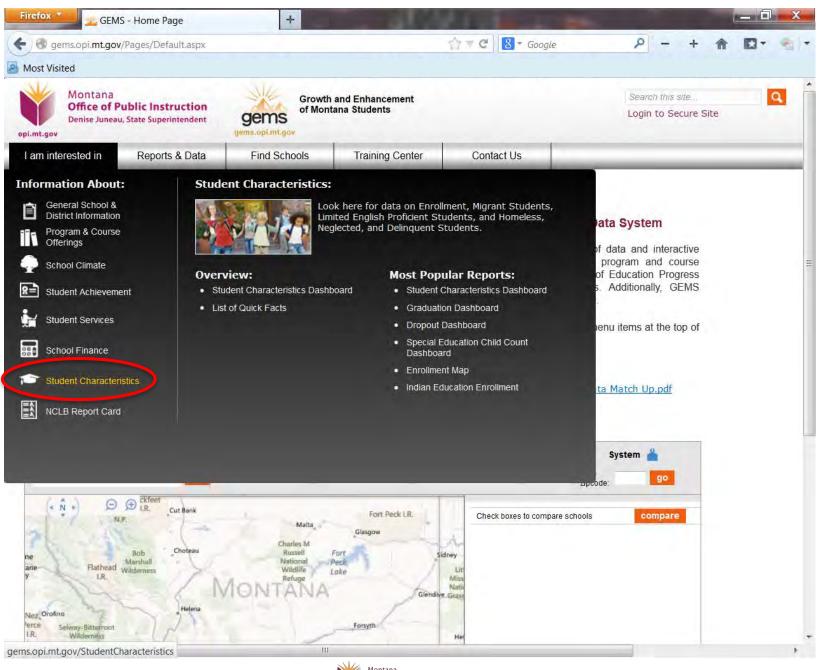
 Select the down arrow on the Mac to scroll down to view the list of districts or schools.

 Hold down the control button when you click to get the same effect as pressing the rightclick on a two-button mouse.

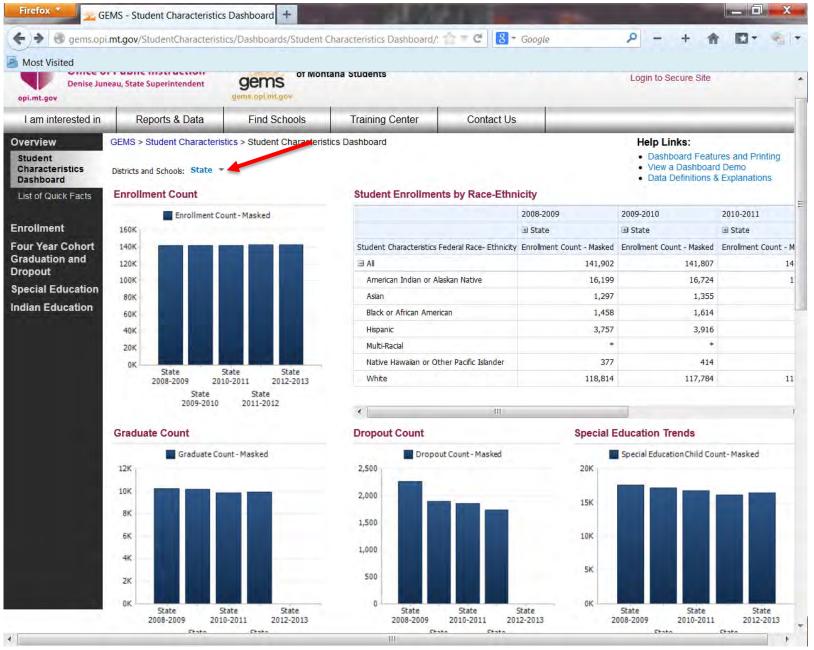




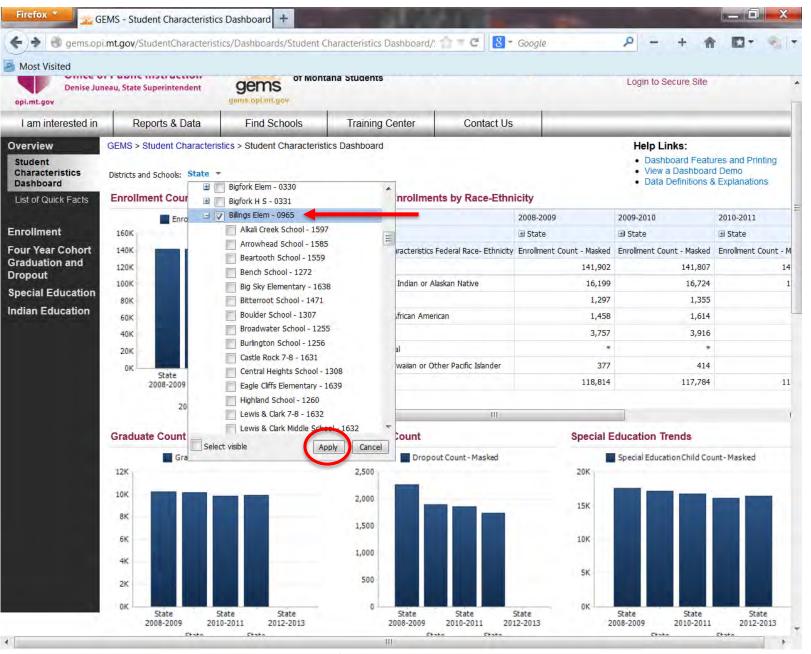






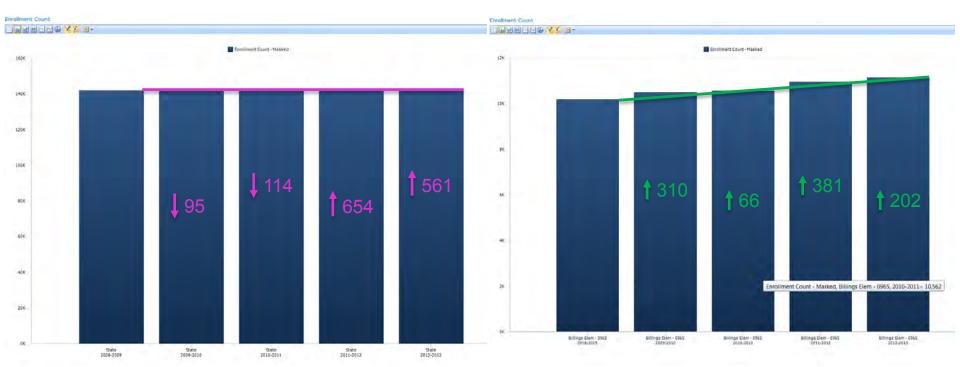








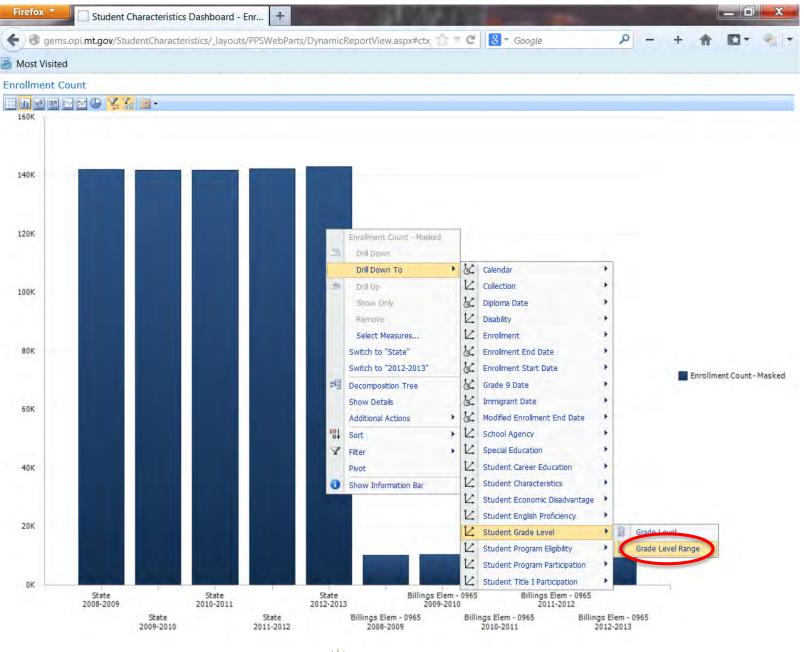




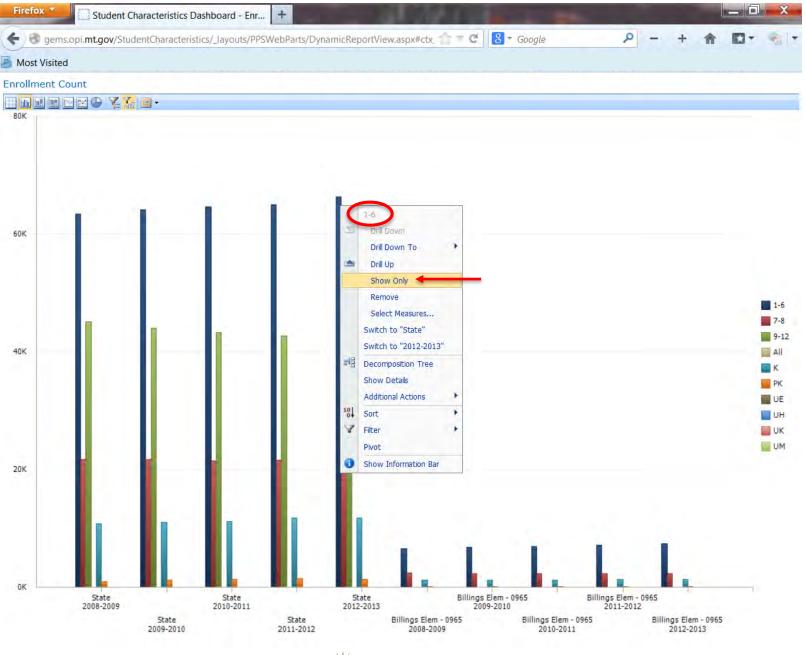
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Average Increase 240 students per year Overall Growth: 9.15% in the last 5 years





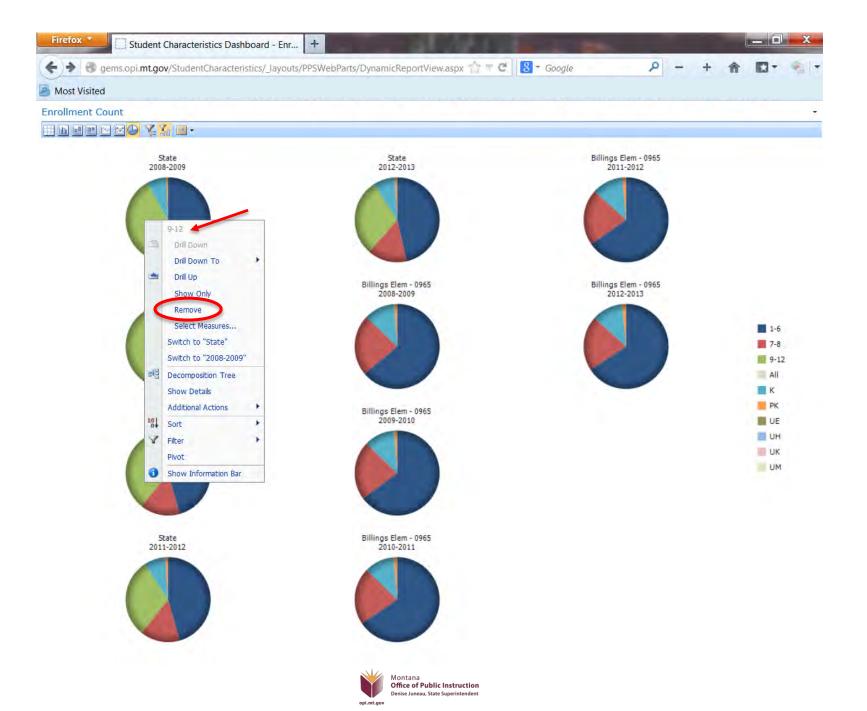


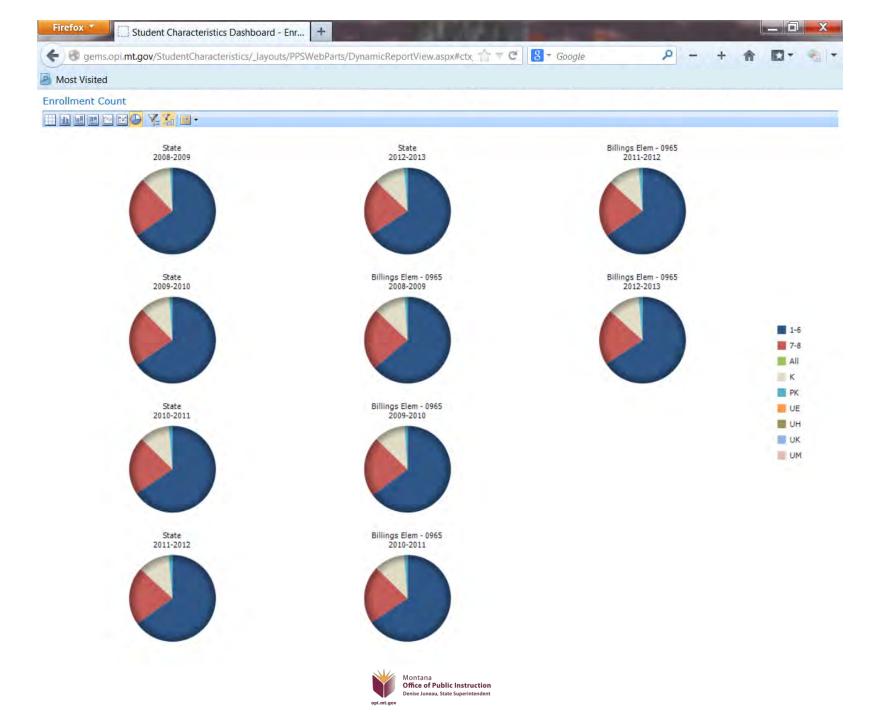










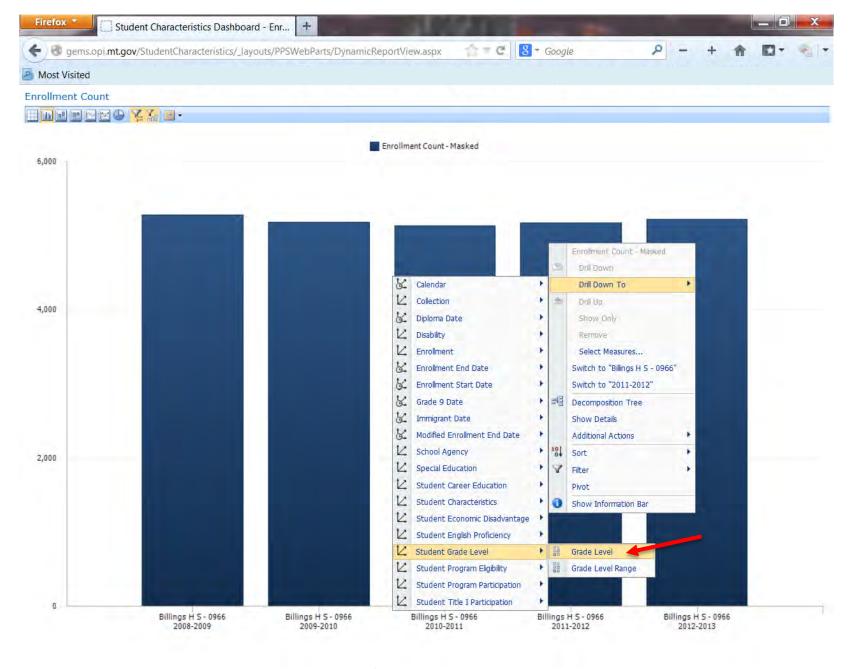


Addressing a Specific Question

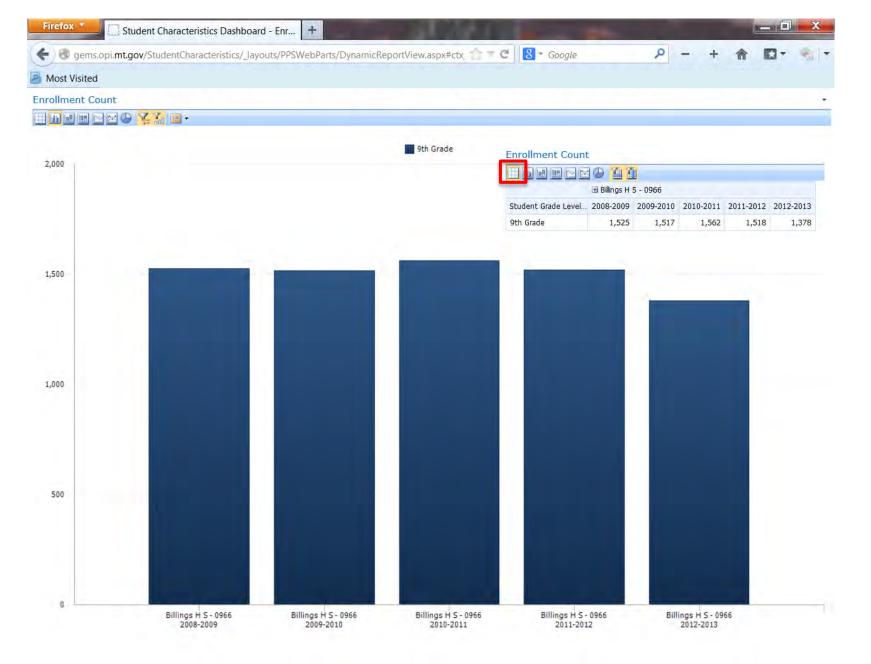
- How many incoming 9th graders can the Billings High School District expect to receive from Elementary Districts (other than Billings Elementary) in Yellowstone County?
- Elementary Districts in Yellowstone County:
 - Blue Creek Elementary
 - Elder Grove Elementary
 - Independent Elementary
 - Morin Elementary

- Canyon Creek Elementary
- Elysian Elementary
- Lockwood Elementary
- Pioneer Elementary





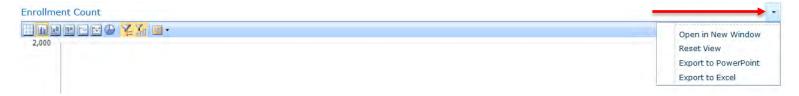






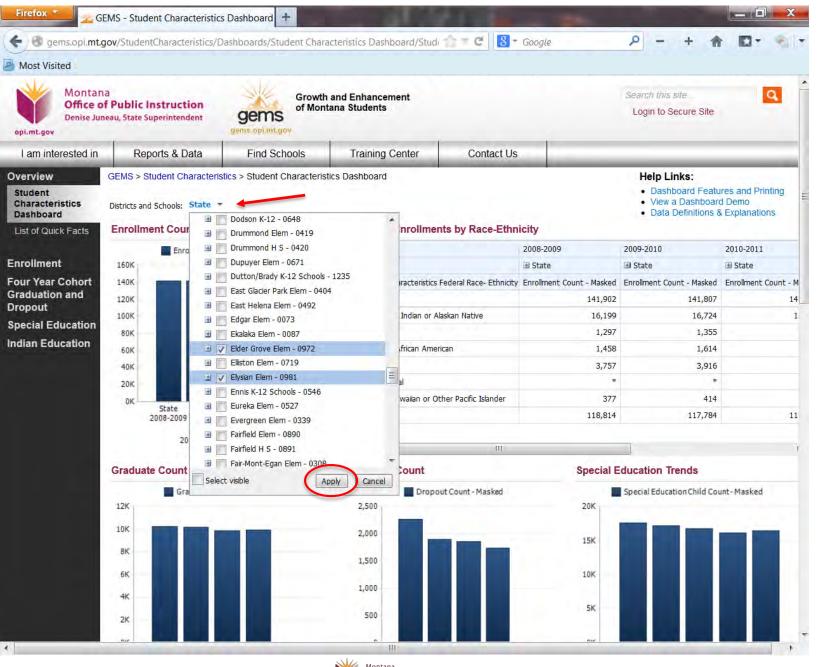
Saving this Chart for Use Elsewhere

 Click on the drop down arrow in the upper right hand corner of the chart, above the blue horizontal line.

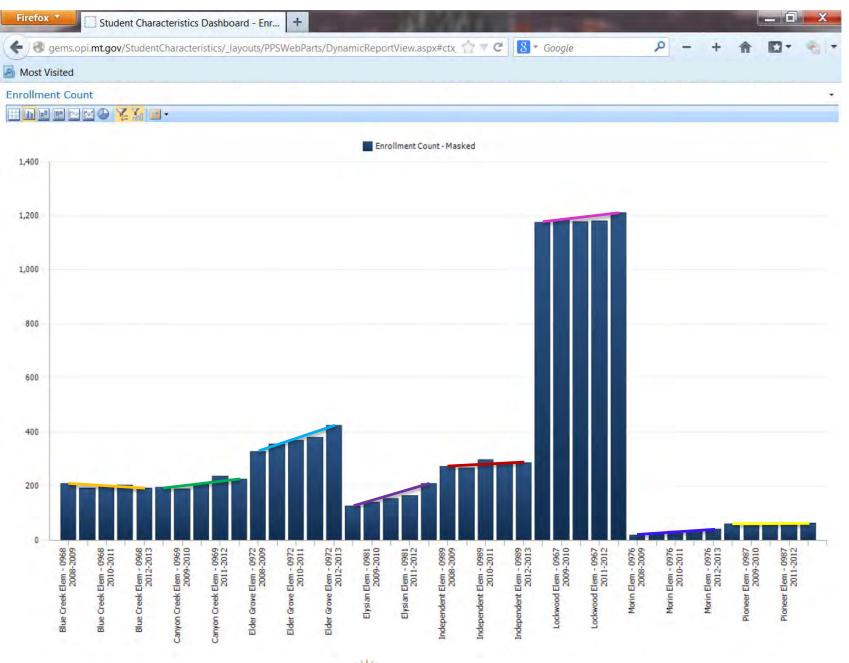


 Choose "Export to Excel" or "Export to PowerPoint".

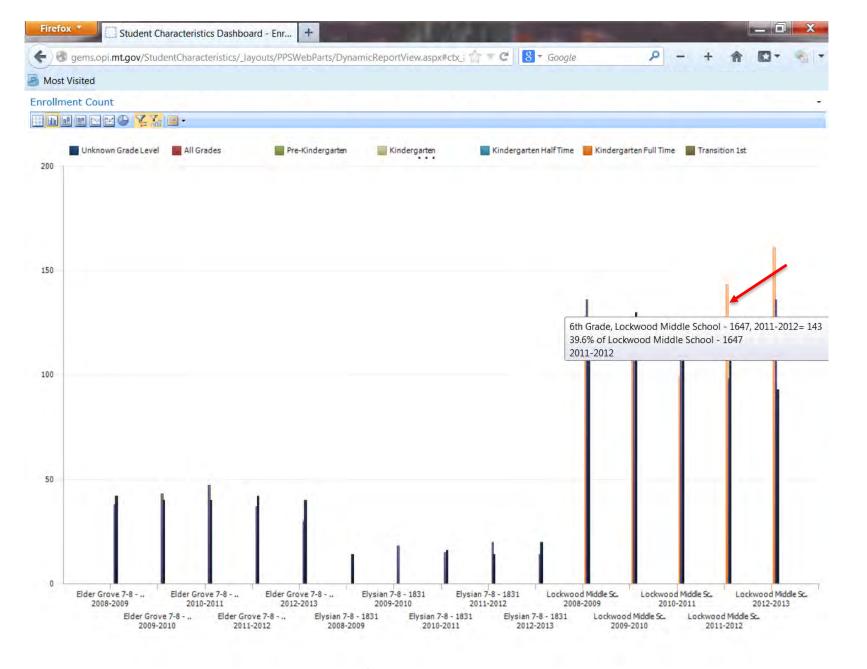




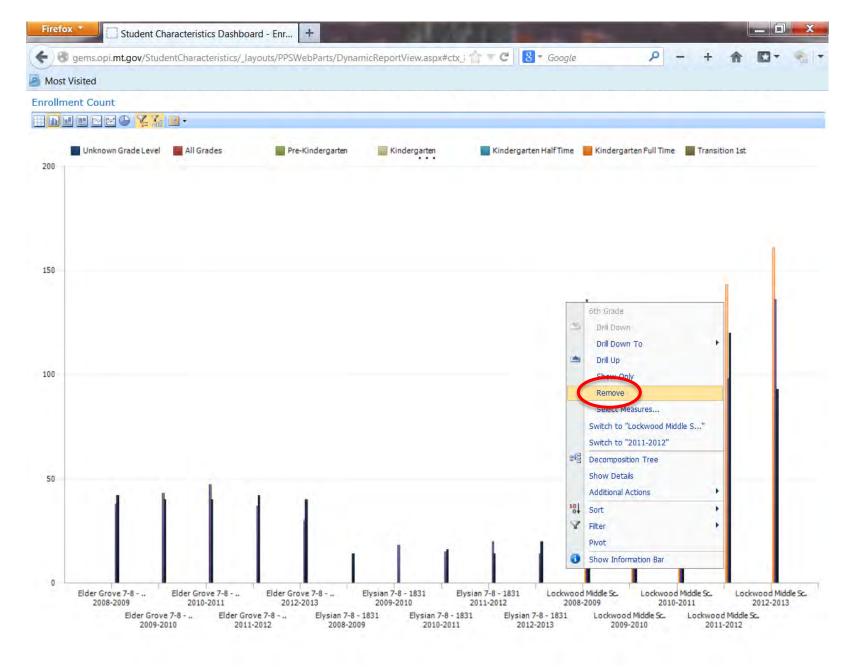




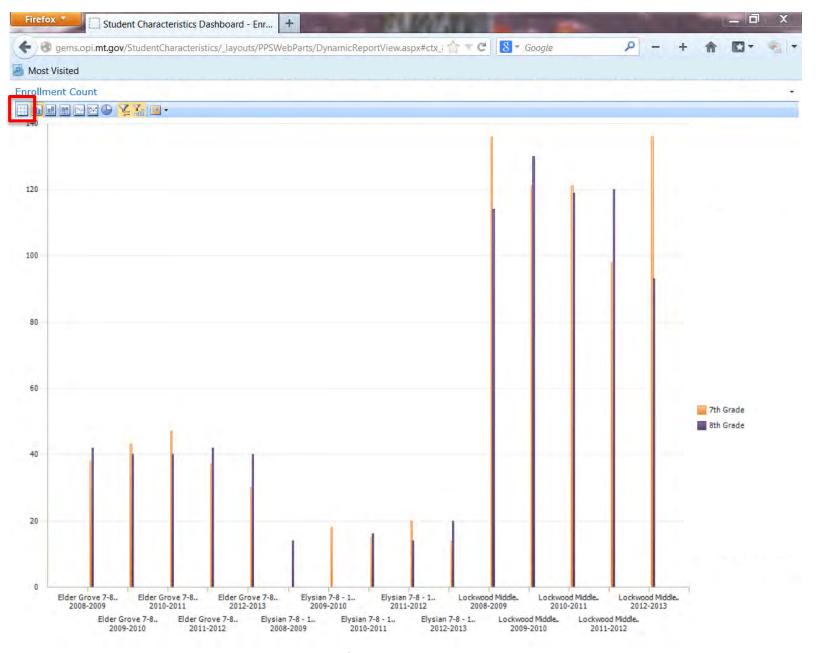






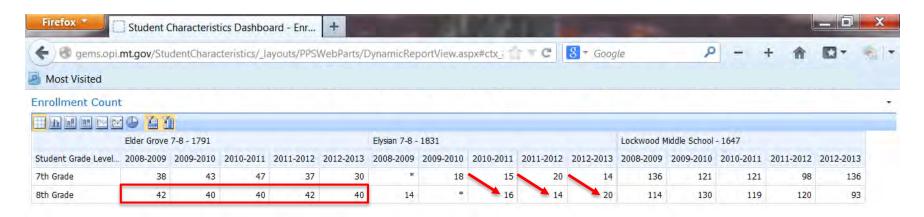








What Conclusions Can We Make?



- Elder Grove's 8th grade student population has remained flat over the last 5 years.
- Lockwood's student population has fluctuated and could be strongly influenced by other community characteristics.
- Elysian has maintained it's student population from 7th to 8th grade, thus the incoming 7th grade class is a good indicator of the potential contribution of 9th graders to Billings HS District.



More Information...

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